

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A rotary slide valve for a power-assisted steering system of a motor vehicle, comprising:

- a torsion-bar spring;
- a backlash coupling;
- a connecting element;
- a valve input member;
- a valve output member;
- a valve housing;

a first valve element rotationally fixedly connected to the valve input member and connected to the valve output member via the torsion-bar spring~~[[.]]~~ and the backlash coupling ~~and the connecting element, the connecting element including at least one cut disposed in a first region between a connection region and a control region; and~~

a second valve element rotationally fixedly connected to the valve output member via the connecting element, the connecting element including at least one cut disposed in a first region between a connection region and a control region;

wherein the first valve element and the second valve element are arranged coaxially movable one in the other in the valve housing and are rotatable relative to one another at most by an amount of rotary travel of the backlash coupling, a radially outer one of the first valve element and the second valve element having inner longitudinal control grooves, a radially inner one of the first valve element and the second valve element having outer longitudinal control grooves, an axial length of the control grooves being at least partially limited, the control grooves being configured to cooperate with one another to control a pressure medium to and from two working spaces of a servomotor.

12. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the control grooves are configured conically to adjust a characteristic curve.

13. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the first valve element and the valve output member are connected one of positively and nonpositively.

14. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 13, wherein one of the connecting element and the valve output member includes a boss contour.

15. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the first region is torsionally rigid and flexible.

16. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the cut is continuous.

17. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the cut includes a groove.

18. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the first region includes a hollow shaft.

19. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the first region includes a solid shaft.

20. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the first region includes a polygonal profile.

21. (Previously Presented) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the cuts are formed by one of high-energy beam cutting, plasma cutting, erosion cutting, punching, grinding and milling.

22. (Currently Amended) The rotary slide valve according to claim 11, wherein the connecting element ~~includes~~ is configured as a control bush, ~~the connecting element being formed at least in one piece with the control bush.~~